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Bomb Blast Kills 2 Marines in Afghanistan



DANGEROUS ROAD: Afghan men walk past U.S. Marines on patrol in Mian Poshteh, Afghanistan, on Sunday. A bombing killed two Marines in the southern Helman province, where 4,000 American troops recently were deployed to oust Taliban fighters. **Heavy losses:** U.K. weighs Afghan role | Page 8

Dems Seek Bush-Era Probes

Senator decries Cheney's secret program as 'a big problem'

WASHINGTON | Six months into Barack Obama's presidency, his Democratic allies are pushing for twin investigations into Bush-era torture and anti-terrorism policies.

Two senators, including the head of the intelligence committee, suggested Sunday that the prior administration broke the law by concealing a CIA counterterrorism program from Congress.

The assertion that then-Vice President

Dick Cheney ordered the concealment came amid word that Attorney General Eric Holder is contemplating opening a criminal probe of possible CIA torture.

A move to appoint a criminal prosecutor is certain to stir partisan bickering that could prove a distraction to Obama's efforts to push ambitious health care and energy reform. Obama has repeatedly expressed reluctance to probing alleged



Cheney

Bush-era abuses, saying the nation should be "looking forward and not backwards."

Regarding the 8-year-old counterterrorism program, the Bush administration's failure to notify

Congress "is a big problem," said Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said the secrecy "could be illegal." (AP)

eye openers



LITIGATION

Suit vs. Co-Worker Who Chews Loudly Gains Legitimacy

A lawyer for a Detroit city employee who filed a lawsuit claiming she couldn't work because of a co-worker's strong perfume has settled her case with the city. The settlement reached Thursday between the city and her client includes money, but terms were not disclosed. The settlement also sets forth procedures that provide relief for affected workers. (AP)

RESULT

Moms Have Uneasy Talks With Children

A Phoenixville, Pa., man has agreed to take anger management classes for blaring a pornographic soundtrack to chase away kids playing outside his home. Michael Buck was arrested May 31 after neighbors told police they could hear the sexually explicit audio blocks away. The 27-year-old man will also perform 20 hours of community service. (AP)



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GAMES

Seat of Power

The 13th Annual Summer Redneck Games in Dublin, Ga., (begun in 1996 as an answer to the Summer Olympics in Atlanta) saw its usual roster of bobbing for pigs' feet, hubcap throwing, watermelon-seed spitting and mud pit belly flopping this year. There was also something called an Armpit Serenade. Here, Eric Outler — last year's winner of Redneck Horseshoes, which is played with toilet seats — taunts the crowd on Saturday.

(EXPRESS)

THIEVERY

Getaway Car Concept Elusive

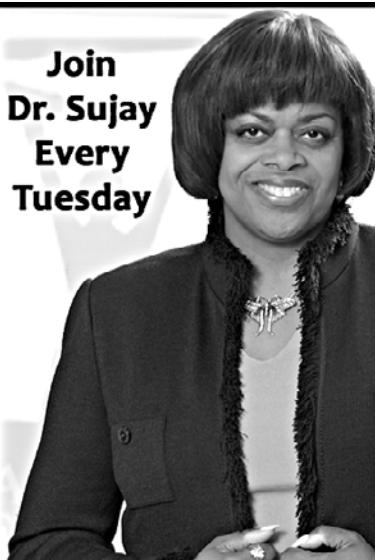
Saginaw, Mich., authorities say a parolee who robbed a Michigan bank was caught when he tried to hitch a ride from an undercover police detective. Mark E. White was arraigned Friday on charges that include bank robbery and making a false bomb threat. He is being held at the Saginaw County

Jail on \$755,000 bond. Authorities say White flagged down Saginaw Township Detective Scott Jackson on Wednesday after the bank robbery a few blocks away. White was paroled June 16 after serving time for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and violating an earlier parole. (AP)

RIGHTS

Alpacas Feel Used

New York State Assemblyman Matthew Titone kissed three alpacas for a fundraiser Saturday at the Staten Island Zoo. The Staten Island Democrat won the opportunity — or obligation — by attracting half the \$1,200 in contributions. Donors were able to pick their chosen puckerer from a roster of politicians and others. About 200 people looked on. (AP)



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Palin Says She's Still In Politics

Governor says she'll campaign for people who share her views

WASHINGTON | Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said she's not only staying involved in national politics, but she plans to jump back into the

national scrum when she leaves office at the end of the month.

Palin said she plans to write a book, campaign for political candidates from coast to coast — even Democrats who share her views — and build a right-of-center coalition.

"I will go around the country on behalf of candidates who believe in the right things, regardless of their party label or affiliation," she said in an interview published Sunday in *The Washington Times*.

Palin plans to write a memoir but declined to discuss any potential deal for her to become a television commentator.

"I can't talk about any of those things while I'm still governor," she said. (AP)



Palin

Sotomayor Moves to Center Stage

GOP promises tough questions at hearings for Obama's nominee

WASHINGTON | Sonia Sotomayor has decided advantages as she begins the most important trial of her long legal career, a nationally televised consideration of her nomination to be the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court.

Beginning Monday, she will tell her compelling up-from-poverty story to a jury tilted in her favor — Democrats hold a comfortable majority on the Senate Judiciary Committee and a filibuster-resistant 60 votes in the Senate.

Still, Republicans signaled that they will press the 55-year-old New Yorker and federal judge to explain past rulings involving discrimination complaints and gun rights. The sharpest comments about her so far came Sunday from Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the senior Republican on the committee.

Sotomayor has said repeatedly in speeches over the past 10 years that personal experiences influence a judge's decisions, Ses-



TIM SLOAN/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Sonia Sotomayor will face tough questioning this week during her Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Sotomayor would be the first Hispanic to sit on the court.

sions said.

"She has criticized the idea that a woman and a man would reach the same result. She expects them to reach different results. I think that's philosophically incompatible with the American system," Sessions said.

The questioning of Sotomayor won't begin until Tuesday, after the 12 Democrats and seven Republicans on the committee use up to 10 minutes each for preliminary remarks and the nominee makes her opening statement.

MARK SHERMAN (AP)



TECHNOLOGY Swings, Slides Officially Passé

The traditional playground is getting a modern makeover. City officials in Layton, Utah, plan to open an electronic public playground later this summer. The playground includes electronic versions of games such as Capture the Flag and tug-of-war. Ja Eggett, Layton's city parks planner, says the goal is to get the video game generation back to the playground so it becomes more active. The playground is part of a \$500,000 yet-to-be named park that's set to open later this month. (AP)

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Nation

Suspect Arrested in Slaying

Fla. couple with 16 kids were killed in their home on Thu.

PENSACOLA, FLA. | Authorities say they have someone in custody in the slayings of a Florida couple known for their large family of adopted children.

Byrd and Melanie Billings of Beulah were killed in their home Thursday as eight of their children slept. It happened in a rural area west of Pensacola near the Alabama state line.

Police say the couple had an extensive surveillance system in the house that recorded three apparently experienced criminals



KAREN CAWTHON/AP

Byrd and Melanie Billings, seen in 2005, were found dead in their Florida home.

who drove off in a red van.

Officials still don't know why the family was targeted. Police

have not said whether anything was stolen from the home, which had nine bedrooms to accommodate the large family.

The couple was well-known locally for adopting children with developmental disabilities. They owned several businesses, including a finance company and a used car dealership.

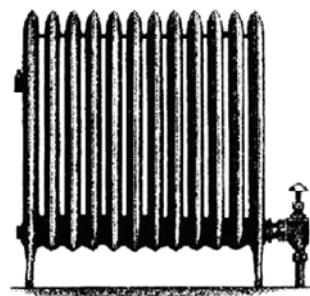
The Billingses had 16 children, 12 of them adopted. Investigators interviewed the children, who are now staying with other family.

The couple married 18 years ago, and each had two children from previous marriages. They eventually started adopting children with developmental disabilities and other problems. (AP)

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R.I. Legislators Challenge the Odds

Increasing dog racing is seen as way to save jobs, retain revenue

LINCOLN, R.I. | Greyhound tracks are folding across the country, but in cash-strapped Rhode Island — where the unemployment rate is among the nation's worst — lawmakers are betting on the dogs to save jobs.

Rhode Island legislators are

fighting to expand greyhound racing, an increasingly outdated and unprofitable sport that has been squeezed out by newer forms of gambling. Over the objection of Gov. Don Carcieri, lawmakers have moved to force a bankrupt, state-licensed slot parlor to run 200 days of live racing at its greyhound track even though current law requires only 125.

Carcieri, a Republican, vetoed the legislation, but lawmakers in



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP/FILE

Rhode Island legislators are fighting to expand greyhound racing in the state.

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The number of greyhound racing tracks that remain in the United States, according to the National Greyhound Association.

the General Assembly say they expect to override it.

Supporters of the racing bill say it's necessary to save jobs and preserve tax revenue.

They also argue the public

shouldn't be penalized for what they say are the bad business decisions of the owners of the gambling parlor, called Twin River.

"I did not want to see more people out of work," said Sen. Frank Ciccone III, the bill's sponsor.

The move bucks a national trend away from greyhound racing. In the last year, Massachusetts voters banned greyhound racing amid allegations the dogs were mistreated. In New Hampshire, the last two remaining greyhound tracks won state permission last month to end live racing after waning interest from bettors. (AP)

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World

AU Intervenes in Somali Fighting

Dozens are killed as government battles insurgents in capital

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Islamic insurgents fought their way toward Somalia's presidential palace Sunday in fighting that killed dozens and wounded about 150, officials said. African Union peacekeepers directly intervened for the first time to support government forces.

An Associated Press reporter

saw several bodies and two AU tanks on the front line. Government forces used rocket-propelled grenades and anti-aircraft guns mounted on the back of trucks, which they fired in the streets.

"The fighting in Mogadishu has entered a new phase," said Ali Mohamud Rage, a spokesman for the al-Shabab rebel group, which is believed to have ties to al-Qaeda. Al-Shabab denies any ties. "Now it's between us and the AMISOM," he said, referring to the AU peace-keeping force's acronym.



A man carries his injured child to a hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, Sunday.

The AU was drawn into the fighting after the insurgents advanced into the north of the cap-

ital and directly threatened their positions, a spokesman said.

The city's main Medina hospital was chaos, with bloodied nurses performing frantic triage and a tent set up outside to deal with the overflow of casualties. Screaming relatives begged for help.

Medina hospital official Dunia Ali Mohamed said hospital workers had not slept for the last 24 hours.

"These are the worst armed clashes in the capital for the last two months," she said. (AP)

In Brief



A partially built rail bridge in New Delhi is seen after it collapsed on Sunday.

NEW DELHI

Metro Rail Bridge Collapse Kills 5 Workers, Injures 13

One section of a bridge being built for the Indian capital's metro rail system collapsed Sunday, crushing to death five workers and injuring 13 in a major setback to the project that officials hope to complete before the 2010 Commonwealth Games. E. Sreedharan, the head of the Delhi Metro Rail Corp., tendered his resignation to take moral responsibility for the collapse. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Car Bomb Kills 4 in Attack On Iraqi Christian Minority

A car bomb exploded near a church as worshippers left Sunday Mass, killing at least four civilians and injuring 18 in one of several attacks on Iraq's beleaguered Christian minority. The coordinated assault came as the Iraqi military predicted that insurgent attacks could continue for a few years, raising the prospect of militant violence after the scheduled withdrawal of all U.S. troops by the end of 2011. (AP)

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Government Lifts Curfew Imposed After Coup d'Etat

Honduran authorities on Sunday lifted a curfew imposed since the ousting of President Manuel Zelaya two weeks ago — a sign the interim government is trying to restore normality in the crisis-gripped country. In a nationally broadcast announcement, the interim government said the curfew had reached its objective to "restore calm." (AP)

Afghan Blast Kills 2 Marines

American casualties come after 8 British deaths in Helmand

KABUL | A bomb blast killed two U.S. Marines in Afghanistan's dangerous south, where thousands of American troops have deployed in a massive operation to oust Taliban fighters from the country's opium poppy region, officials said Sunday.

About 4,000 Marines moved into Helmand province this month, the largest Marine operation in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S. invasion. They have met little head-on resistance but remain vulnerable to guerrilla tactics like suicide and roadside bombs.

The two Marines were killed Saturday in Helmand. Military officials did not release any other details. The American casualties come after eight British deaths in Helmand in a 24-hour period ending Friday, triggering debate in Britain about its role in Afghanistan. Britain has now lost more troops in Afghanistan than in Iraq. JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)



Chinese paramilitary police stand guard outside the Grand Bazaar in the Uighur neighborhood of Urumqi, China, on Sunday.

Groups Mourn China's Riot Victims

Government reveals 1,680 injured in last week's ethnic clashes

URUMQI, CHINA | Incense was lit and paper money burned at the funeral Sunday for a Han Chinese family — a man, his wife and his parents, all killed in last week's ethnic riots. Three Uighur neighbors approached, standing tentatively apart.

Then, one of the neighbors grasped hands with a mourning

sister and wailed in sympathy.

It was a small gesture of shared grief on a day when Han Chinese mourned their dead and Uighurs dealt with mounting surveillance in the regional capital of Urumqi.

Han and Uighur alike are struggling to overcome the resentment exposed by the worst ethnic violence in China in decades, clashes on July 5 that left 184 people dead. On Sunday, the regional Xinjiang government raised the toll of injured that day to 1,680.

The violence began as Uighurs

who were protesting the deaths of Uighur workers in southern China clashed with Urumqi police. The crowd then scattered, attacking Han Chinese.

Government officials have yet to make public key details about what happened next, including how much force police used to restore order. GILLIAN WONG (AP)

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The approximate number of the injured who remain in the hospital, the Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.



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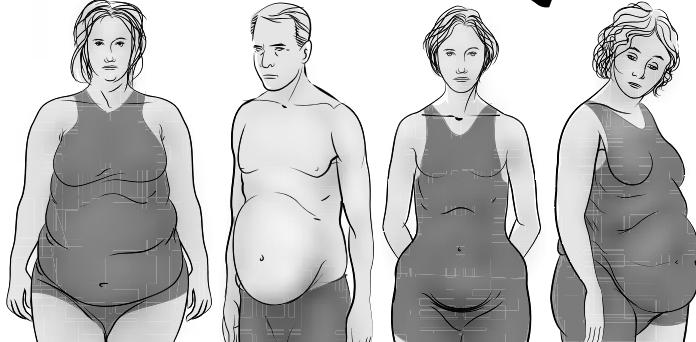
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Iranian officials who had been detained by the U.S. in Iraq for more than two years arrive at the airport in Tehran on Sunday.

U.S. Frees 5 Iran Officials

Men were held 2 years due to suspicion they aided Shiite militants

TEHRAN, IRAN | Five Iranian officials held in Iraq for more than two years by U.S. forces returned home Sunday after the U.S. released them under pressure from the Iraqi government.

American officials said a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement required that they hand the men over but said they fear the Iranians — held on suspicion of aiding Shiite militants — pose a threat to U.S. troops in Iraq.

The five men were handed over to Iraqi officials Thursday and flew Sunday to Tehran, where they were met at the airport by a cheering crowd of onlookers who carried the men on their shoulders and put garlands of flowers around their necks.

Iran's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, in a news conference with the men welcomed them back and praised what he described as their courageous resistance while being held in Iraq by U.S. forces.

The Iranians were detained in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil in January 2007. At the time, U.S.

authorities said the men included the operations chief and other members of Iran's elite Quds Force, which is accused of arming and training Iraqi militants.

Iran denied the claim and has described the men as diplomats who were kidnapped by U.S. forces. Mottaki accused President Obama of continuing the bullying practices of the Bush administration by detaining the officials.

The U.S. has long charged that Iran is behind much of the violence in Iraq, and has been financing and assisting Shiite militias in attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces. NASSER KARIMI AND REBECCA SANTANA (AP)

Swiss Hostage Is Released in Mali

BERN, SWITZERLAND | A Swiss tourist taken hostage in North Africa in January has been released to authorities in Mali, officials said Sunday.

The health of the Swiss citizen, who had been held in Mali

after his capture with three other European tourists, appears to be reasonably good considering the six-month ordeal, according to information received by Swiss representatives in Mali, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Two of the other hostages were released in April, and the third was killed in May.

The release was the second in a matter of hours on opposite sides of the world of hostages being held by al-Qaeda-linked groups. In the Philippines, militants freed an Italian Red Cross worker. (AP)



TECHNOLOGY Tweets From the Throne The British royal family has joined the micro-blogging Web site Twitter, the BBC said. Updates by @BritishMonarchy became publicly accessible last week, after several weeks of testing. Though the queen won't be personally publishing tweets, the account will provide updates about the royal family's engagements.

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Money



Laura Musall learned the hard way that repairing a car can be harder than it seems.

Truth Is, You Can't Handle It

**Fixing a car yourself
may seem like a way
to cut costs, but the
move can backfire**

NEW YORK | When the taillight of Laura Musall's five-year-old Nissan Altima burned out, she hoped to avoid the repair shop by letting her husband replace it at home. It seemed simple enough: Buy a bulb, pop off the cover and make the switch.

But her husband struggled to remove the plastic casing, and when he used a screwdriver to pry it off, it shattered. What came next was even worse. Her Nissan dealer wanted \$250 to order a new one.

Musall, a real estate agent from Fishers, Ind., figured "10 bucks, we'd be done." "But, apparently, it's not a do-it-yourself thing if you don't know what you're doing."

Car owners looking to trim expenses are sidestepping the mechanic and plunging into their own repairs — or trying to, anyway.

77%

The increase in queries for the term "car repairs" on Yahoo's search engine in the past month.

Their efforts can backfire, costing more in the end and creating do-it-yourself horror stories.

Mechanics say they've seen it all in recent months, including incorrectly applied brake pads and antifreeze poured into engines.

While well-intentioned, many people forget that today's cars are vastly more complicated than models made just years ago.

"[Repair work] is even going beyond the heads of a lot of technicians who aren't keeping up-to-date," said Dave Striegel, owner of an auto shop in Elizabeth, Pa.

Musall says she's learned her lesson. Her husband won't be laying his hands on the car anytime soon.

"It's all fixed," she said, "and he's not going to do any more car repairs." CHIP CUTTER (AP)

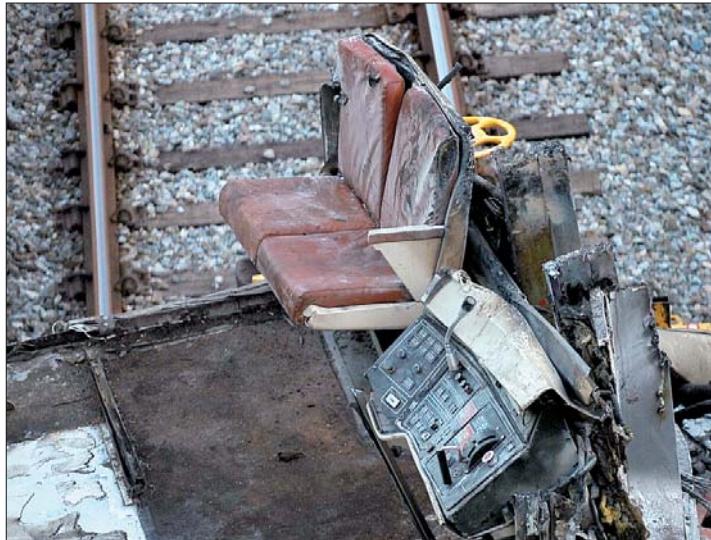
Metro Braces for Crash Lawsuits

Damages could run into tens of millions after deadly collision

First came the crash and the rescue efforts. Then the news conferences, the memorial services and the official investigations. Now come the lawsuits.

It took just two days after last month's deadly Metro crash for the first personal injury lawsuit to be filed in federal court. Five others have followed, one seeking as much as \$25 million in damages. Legal experts said the number of liability claims for the crash, which killed nine and injured 80, can be expected to rise for months and, perhaps, years.

Legal damages could run into the tens of millions of dollars and, if negligence is proved and punitive damages awarded, they could easily reach into the hundreds of millions, legal analysts said. Wherever



The remains of a rail car damaged in the June 22 Metro crash that killed nine and injured 80. It took just two days for the first injury lawsuit to be filed against Metro.

federal authorities place responsibility for the tragedy, plaintiffs will be seeking money, first and foremost from Metro.

"The subway system has such a deep pocket, there's no reason to

go beyond," said John Cooper, a personal injury lawyer in Virginia Beach and chairman of the railroad law section of the American Association for Justice, a trade group for trial lawyers.

FINANCIAL RESTITUTION

Metro has settled lawsuits with payouts recently:

- This year, Metro agreed to pay \$2.9 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of Sally D. McGhee, who was struck and killed by a Metrobus in 2007.
- Metro paid \$2.3 million to settle claims for Martha Schoenborn, also killed in the incident.

Metro officials also said it is highly likely that the agency will need to retain outside counsel to handle the claims. Officials at Metro said in a statement that it is too early to estimate the liability but that they "are confident that we will be able to meet our financial obligations."

None of the jurisdictions that fund Metro would be liable for last month's accident, officials said. JOE STEPHENS AND LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Mom of 4 Dead Girls Set for Trial

WASHINGTON | A woman accused of killing her four daughters and living with their decomposing bodies for nearly seven months goes on trial Monday.

The case of 35-year-old Bantia Jacks horrified the Washington region and led to changes in how city agencies deal with social work cases.

The bodies were found in January 2008 when marshals arrived at Jacks' Southeast Washington home to carry out an eviction.

Jacks

Authorities

said the girls had been dead since the summer of 2007.

Investigators ultimately concluded that one of the girls had been stabbed, another had been strangled and beaten, and the other two had been strangled.

Defense attorneys not involved with the case say prosecutors will have to produce evidence that Jacks actually killed the children.

A judge, not a jury, will determine whether she's guilty. (AP)

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Library of Congress Adds Storage

FORT MEADE, MD. | The Library of Congress has opened a more-than \$40 million storage facility on the grounds of Fort Meade.

Librarian of Congress James Billington and acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers

participated in a ceremony last week to mark the opening of the expanded, environmentally controlled facility.

The facility will house 33 million items from the library's special collections. (AP)

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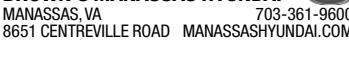
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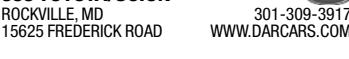
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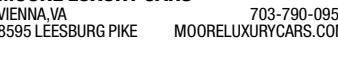
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Sports

A Fitting End to the Nats' 1st Half

Washington blanked in Houston a day after an offensive explosion

NATIONALS | Kaz Matsui's three-run homer led the Houston Astros to a 5-0 win over the Washington Nationals on Sunday.

A day after getting their most runs (13) and hits (21) of the season, the Nationals got 11 hits but couldn't convert, leaving 13 men on base.

Matsui's shot to the first row of the stands in right field near the bullpen came in the seventh inning and gave Houston a 4-0 lead.

The Astros got another solid start from Brian Moehler (6-5), who allowed seven hits in 6 1/3 innings to win for the fourth time in five decisions. The win gives the Astros a 3-1 series victory over the last-place Nationals.

Houston added a run in the



PAT SULLIVAN/AP

The Astros' Michael Bourn scores in front of Nationals catcher Wil Nieves after a double by shortstop Miguel Tejada on Sunday. Nieves had four hits in the 5-0 loss.

eight inning when Lance Berkman scored on a balk by Tyler Clippard, who looked to have lost his balance and almost fell off the mound.

Geoff Blum was hit by a pitch in the seventh before Hunter Pence singled. Ivan Rodriguez struck out before Matsui's homer. Nationals starter Jordan Zimmermann (3-4) walked reliever Alberto Arias before he was replaced by Joe Beimel, who finally got out of the inning.

Wil Nieves, who led the Nationals with four hits, singled in the seventh before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt by Zimmerman.

Moehler was replaced by Arias, who allowed a single by Nyjer Morgan. Nick Johnson walked to load the bases for the second-straight inning, but the Nationals came away empty again after Ryan Zimmerman popped out and Adam Dunn grounded out.

Closer Jose Valverde got the last four outs for his eighth save of the season and the 150th of his career. KRISTIE RIEKEN (AP)

In Brief

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ji Sinks Birdie on 72nd Hole to Win U.S. Open

Eun Hee Ji of South Korea made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole, finishing off an even-par



Ji

71 to win the U.S. Women's Open. Ji held off Candie Kung of Taiwan, recovered from a double bogey at the 10th hole and finished at even-par 284 Sunday. Cristie Kerr failed to win a second Women's Open title in three years. (AP)

TENNIS

Croatia Bounces U.S. From Davis Cup Quarterfinals

The United States was eliminated by Croatia in the Davis Cup quarterfinals Sunday when Marin Cilic beat James Blake 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Cilic's victory on indoor clay gave the host nation an insurmountable 3-1 lead and put Croatia in the semifinals for the first time since it won the Davis Cup in 2005. The Americans have lost all three meetings against Croatia in the Davis Cup, after defeats in 2003 and 2005. (AP)

O's Fly Into Break With Series Win

Bergesen dominates Toronto as Salazar homers for Baltimore

ORIOLES | Brad Bergesen took a shutout into the seventh inning, Brian Roberts had two RBI and the Baltimore Orioles beat Toronto 4-2 Sunday to end a miserable road trip for the Blue Jays.

Oscar Salazar homered and Roberts also scored a run for the Orioles, who took



GAIL BURTON/AP

Orioles center fielder Adam Jones leaps and robs the Toronto Blue Jays' Alex Rios of a home run in the fourth inning of Sunday's game in Baltimore. The O's won, 4-2.

two of three from Toronto. Baltimore has won six of its last nine series and trails the fourth-place Blue Jays by only three games in the AL East.

Toronto has lost 12 of 15 and went 2-8 on a swing through Yankee Stadium, Tampa Bay and Baltimore.

Bergesen (6-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. The rookie took a 3-0 lead into the seventh, but was pulled after the Blue Jays used three hits and a sacrifice fly to get within a run.

Danys Baez got the final out in the seventh, Jim Johnson worked the eighth, and George Sherrill retired three straight to earn his 20th save. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

MLB SCOREBOARD

Tigers 10, Indians 1

Cubs 7, Cardinals 3

Mets 9, Reds 7

Red Sox 6, Royals 0

Phillies 5, Pirates 2

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2

Athletics 7, Rays 3

Dodgers 7, Brewers 4

Astros 5, Nationals 0

Twins 13, White Sox 7

Rockies 8, Braves 7

Angels 5, Yankees 4

→ For results of Sunday night games, visit washingtonpost.com.

Armstrong: Alps May Decide Tour

7-time champ is still in 3rd place; Fedrigo wins the 9th stage

CYCLING | Lance Armstrong stayed in third place at the Tour de France on Sunday after a deliberate ride on the last day in the Pyrenees.

Pierrick Fedrigo of France sped past a lone rival in a breakaway to win the mountainous ninth stage.

Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy held the yellow jersey for a third-straight day. He is followed in the overall standings by Astana teammates Alberto Contador and Armstrong.



LIONEL BONAVENTURE/AP/GTY IMAGES

"Today was pretty controlled, I thought, although it's never easy," Armstrong said. "It was very hot; the tempo was pretty regular."

Nocentini is six seconds ahead of Contador, the 2007 champion. Armstrong, the seven-time champion, is eight seconds behind. "We [Astana] just sat there and kind of rode our race," Armstrong said.

Levi Leipheimer of the United States follows Armstrong in the standings, 39 seconds behind Nocentini, giving Astana the second, third and fourth spots.

Armstrong predicted the first

The Tour took racers through the Pyrenees on Sunday. Monday is a rest day.

big shakeout will come in Stage 15, when riders go from Pontarlier, France, to the Swiss ski resort of Verbier, featuring an uphill finish along the Alps.

ANOTHER TOUR?

→ Lance Armstrong says he could be back for one more Tour de France. The 37-year-old was asked whether this will be his last one. "Probably not," Armstrong said on France-2 after Sunday's ninth stage. "Maybe one more Tour." He has previously hinted he may launch his own team next season. (AP)

"Now we're going to have three or four days that probably won't change the classification," he said. "I think all of the favorites are considering that Verbier is the next big test," he said. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

Gatti's Wife Detained As Suspect in Death

Ex-boxing champion appears to have been strangled in Brazil

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | The wife of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti was detained as a suspect by Brazilian authorities Sunday after his death at a posh seaside resort.

Police said 23-year-old Amanda Rodrigues was taken into custody after contradictions in her interrogation. Gatti's body was found early Saturday in a hotel room at the Porto de Galinhas resort in northeastern Brazil.

The former junior welterweight champion was apparently strangled with the strap of a purse, which was found at the scene with blood stains, said Milena Saraiva,



AL BELL/GETTY IMAGES

Boxer Arturo Gatti was found dead in a hotel room in Brazil early Saturday.

a spokeswoman for the Pernambuco state civil police.

Saraiva said authorities were preparing to present a formal accusation against Rodrigues, who denied being involved in her husband's death. TALES AZZONI (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON ESPN) Albert Pujols and Joe Mauer will slug it out in the State Farm Home Run Derby,

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André Cleofe ditched his job with American Express to help others max out their moves

So, you think you can dance? If not, André Cleofe may be the man to see.

Cleofe, 33, dances for a living. He never expected to — who does? — but his family was always footloose; older folks twirled children at gatherings, and Cleofe's father once practiced by dancing with a towel tied to a doorknob.

After emigrating from the Philippines, Cleofe did economic research, then worked at American Express in the pay-by-phone division — talking with customers who didn't understand their statement or had overspent their limit — first as a call taker and then as a supervisor.

He was almost ready to become head of the supervisors when burnout struck. On a leave of absence, he visited relatives. As always, a little dancing ensued. This time, someone suggested that he look into Arthur Murray Franchised Dance Studios.

It was May 2003. He called the Silver Spring location (there are six in the Washington area) and walked in curiously. Staffers in a meeting

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UNIQUE STEP: André Cleofe, left, quit his gig at American Express to become a full-time dance instructor at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Silver Spring.

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Shake Things Up

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looked back just as curiously: Cleofe was wearing a suit.

Teaching there was one option; a new customer-service gig was another. But then Cleofe realized he'd have to start at the bottom again. The next week he signed on for a different sort of customer service: teaching people to dance.

Franchise owners look for aptitude, not expertise, says Silver Spring owner Linda Theiss. Would-be instructors often have a theater or performance background, and a patient, caring personality is important.

There are three phases of training Arthur Murray instructors: learning the steps of each dance, learning the steps from the other gender's perspective (all instructors must be able to lead and to follow), and learning to convey them with encouragement and polish.

All this usually takes six to eight weeks, Theiss says, the first of which is a trial period. Student instructors are unpaid and train from about 1 to 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Most find training more strenuous than they'd thought.

They may also be surprised that it's free. "It's worth thousands," Theiss says. "The agreement is that they'll teach for us for at least a year. Most instructors go way beyond that." Some have been with her eight years.

Once Cleofe's class of four had mastered everything from salsa to waltz to merengue, they stepped into a month of shadowing an experienced instructor before giving their first private lessons solo.

Most instructors teach full time. "It's too much fun to do it part time," Cleofe says. Because evening work is required, he hasn't followed the TV dance-show craze. He does have to explain to clients that less than an hour a week will not make them look like those glitzy couples who've been practicing all day for months.

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Cleofe, who did practice all day for months, became an instructor of instructors in two-thirds of a year — a much faster rise than to a similar position at American

Would-be instructors often have a performance background, and a caring personality is important.

Express. There he handled up to 120 clients a day; by contrast, dance instructors can form bonds with their students. But Arthur Murray rules against favoritism forbidding fraternization, even when engaged couples want to invite their instructor to the wedding.

The courtly Cleofe sees himself at Arthur Murray "at least five or six years into the future." He cuts a rug up to eight hours a day but also runs and works out. "Students say, 'You're crazy,' but doing just one thing for exercise could mean injuries," he says. For fun, instructors often — wait for it — go out dancing. "You can get more creative without the syllabus," he explains.

Downsides include blisters, especially early on; frustration when a client just doesn't get it; and friction within a couple when one does and one doesn't get it. And salaries aren't high: At the Silver Spring studio, instructors make \$22,000 their first year, \$30,000 within two years and about \$50,000 with several years and top skills.

But these are outweighed by upsides: seeing clients grow confident and skilled, and seeing students' partners come to enjoy it as much as they do. One regular student, he recalls, "lost weight, feels better and is now passionate about dancing."

So is Cleofe. As Theiss says, "You get to listen to beautiful music. It's great exercise, physically and mentally. And people want to be here! How many jobs do you know like that? We're enhancing people's lives." **ELLEN RYAN**

Get Cleared For Hiring

Security authorization is required for a ton of jobs and is not as scary as you think

The economy is slumping. Companies in every sector are distributing pink slips. But there's one entity that's unlikely to go out of business: the federal government. In times like these, applying for a

stable federal job sounds extra-appealing. With that security often come security clearances, though. Would you be eligible to nab one?

Even as the economy founders, the number of federal jobs requiring security clearances is growing.

"There's been kind of a continual increase in the number of

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jobs that require clearance that are out there," says Evan Lesser, director of ClearanceJobs.com. "We've been tracking this stuff since early 2002, and there's been a year-over-year increase. Really, the reason is No. 1 if you look at the budgets for the government in terms of homeland security and defense. They've ranged, at least in the past few years, in the \$400 [billion] to \$450 billion range. It's a huge, huge amount of money being spent."

Lesser attributes the rise to larger defense and homeland security budgets and retiring baby boomers, who take their clearances with them when they go. "At this point, we really don't see a whole lot of slowdown for the next couple years," he adds.

But before you rush to USAjobs.gov, realize you can't apply for a clearance on your own. A federal agency or contractor must sponsor you, Lesser says.

Fear rejection? "Keep your nose clean" and you'll be fine, says Kathy Dillaman, associate director of the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services Division. Background investigators consider three things, she says: character, conduct and record. Her advice: Avoid legal run-ins, maintain good credit and employment records, and be truthful on your application.

"I'm often asked this: 'What can I do to make this process better and faster?' Well, it starts with you and honesty," Dillaman says. "You're asked to fill out a form about your background. Do your research. Fill it out fully and accurately, because if we start an investigation and you failed to provide information on your background, I can't tell if you're being dishonest or just sloppy."

The biggest reason someone is denied a clearance? "Dishonesty. Period."

If a job requires a clearance, the description will probably say so, but if it doesn't, consider how likely you'd be to deal with classi-



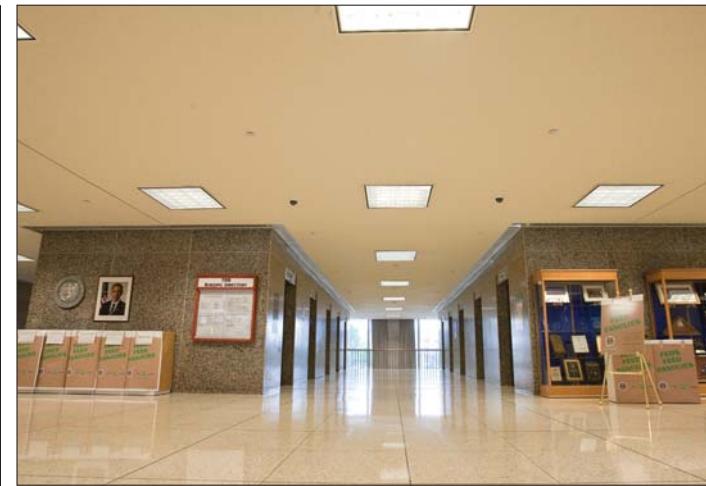
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INSIDE SCOOP: Angela Bailey, above, is OPM's deputy associate director for Talent and Capacity Policy, and the woman to talk to about the new application process. Right: The halls of the Theodore Roosevelt Federal Building.

fied information in that position. Dillaman defines "classified information" as information that, if it were widely known, could harm the government, its programs, its people or its infrastructure. If you're going to have access or need to be eligible to have access to classified info, you need a clearance, she says.

If you have a clearance already and you apply for a federal position, you're golden; the clearance follows you because all clearances are issued-based on the same national guidelines. If you don't, you can still be hired. After you've landed an offer, the hiring agency may consider issuing you an interim clearance based on preliminary results of your background check while the full investigation is conducted.

"The process is pretty simple," Dillaman says. Your employer determines which of three clearance levels — confidential, secret or top secret — you need. Then you have to fill out a standard electronic form, have a fingerprint check and sign a waiver stating



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you know you're being investigated, she says.

Nationally, 75 percent of investigations are for the confidential and secret levels, she says. Investigation time depends on how extensive the background is. "The higher level of clearance, the more extensive the background investigation," she says.

"Essentially, once the paper-

work is submitted, it's a long waiting game and not a lot of information along the way," Lesser says.

Angela Bailey, OPM's deputy associate director of the Center for Talent and Capacity Policy, says that's about to change. The agency is overhauling the application process to better stay in contact with candidates. "It's all about managing their expectations," she says. "If things are going to take a little longer because you need a top-secret security clearance, I think people are willing to accept that if you at least stay in touch with them and let them know along the way where they are in the process."

Costs also fluctuate. Clearances at the confidential and secret lev-

D.C. is definitely the highest-paying location in the U.S. for security clearance candidates."

els can be as inexpensive as \$220, while top-secret can be as much as \$4,000, Dillaman says. The hiring agency covers the cost.

OPM does 90 percent of the government's investigations, including those for the Defense Department, the biggest employing agency for clearance jobs, she says.

The personnel security process has three parts, says Eric Butterbaugh, a Pentagon spokesman:

1. The request for investigation. The security office of each military unit, government agency or cleared contractor facility must request the appropriate investigation.
2. The personnel security investigation, including interviews with the candidate and reference.
3. The adjudication. The requesting agency's Central Adjudication Facility is responsible for making an adjudicative decision.

A few agencies, including the FBI and the Homeland Security, State and Treasury departments handle their own inquiries.

At State, all Foreign Service positions require top-secret clearances, and most Civil Service jobs require either secret or top secret. On average, less than 2 percent of applicants are denied, because the vetting process is so detailed before an offer is extended, a department official says.

Employees with clearances generally earn 22 percent more than someone doing the same job without a need for classified access, Lesser says.

"D.C. is definitely the highest-paying location in the United States for security clearance candidates. The most jobs are available in the metro D.C. area. The range of positions is exceptional," he says. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ



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What's the Deal?

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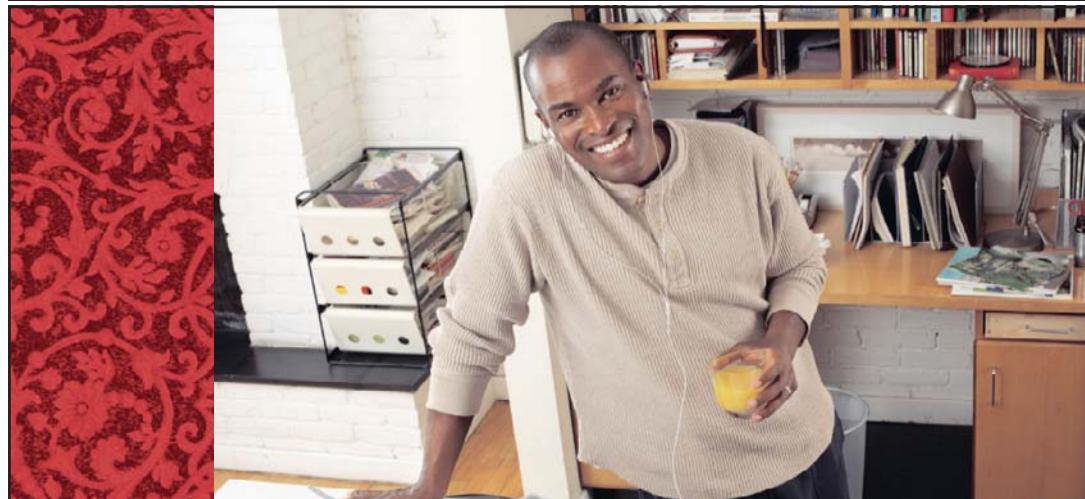
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bachelor's degree until she was in her 30s.

Author Valencia Campbell shares these and other stories in her book, "Advice From the Top: What Minority Women Say About Their Career Success" (ABC-CLIO, \$39.95). Campbell, a Maryland-based consultant on educational topics and women's issues, traces the careers of 14 successful minority businesswomen to find out what challenges they faced and how they worked their way up the ladder. We spoke with Campbell to see what others can learn from the women's experiences.



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What inspired you to write this book?

Being involved with group called 9to5, the National Association of Working Women. It had a hotline that involved helping women with questions about workplace issues. One of the things that I found was that most of those complaints were always fairly negative. So, I started thinking, "What would be a really good thing to do where a larger group of people could benefit from knowing how women succeeded in the workplace?"

**Do successful minority women tend to get as much attention as they deserve?**

I think in many instances, women all over the country may be getting some recognition, but we don't tend to know about it as far as it being published. That, to me, is one of the larger problems. You could probably think of women you know who have done very well, but if no one else gets to know about these women, it's only their own pool of contact who might be aware of them.

What were some of the keys to their success?

Mentors were quite important. If you read their stories, I think you can see how each of them had other people in their lives who were so beneficial in helping

them move forward.

What do you hope people take away from this book?

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A Pirate's Life for Her

→ **NAME:** Kassy Freely, or "Poppet" the pirate

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→ **SALARY:** \$20,000

→ **WHAT SHE DOES:** Poppet brings some serious pirate sass to the performance group, which includes a

belly dancer, a fire-breather and a sword slinger. The group performs weekly at Piratz Tavern, and also is hired out for parties and other events. Poppet, Freely's pirate persona, is the attitude-laden, trash-talking character who won't put up with a certain "w" word: "A guy came into Piratz, and he said, 'Where's my grog, wench?' I put my [real] dagger in the table and said, 'You call me a wench and this will go in your gut.'" → **WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?** Being a pirate is a great way to act out, and it's the one profession that actually encourages misbehaving



Poppet is a no-nonsense kind of pirate — avoid using "wench" in her presence.

on the job. It's all about getting into a fun character who can be either an extension of yourself or the complete opposite.

→ HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB:

Freely was a regular at local Renaissance festivals but was looking for something different: "I had all my clothes and I loved it, but I hadn't quite found my role there." Having already been pirate-minded — her all-time favorite movie is "Yellowbeard" — she naturally gravitated to a pirate group her friend was in. Poppet was born out of Madeline Kahn's defiant character from the movie.

→ HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:

There are two options: 1) Find some (hopefully, friendly) pirates, befriend and join, or 2) Get some friends and start your own troupe. Freely lists the Laughing Man Tavern and, of course, Piratz Tavern as two places where pirates convene. Immerse yourself in a character, which, of course, means working on that Keith Richards drawl. ROBYN MINCHER

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Because of the pressure, job candidates should try even harder to keep calm, said Shira Harrington, director of professional search at Positions Inc. in the District. If you're unemployed, act like



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The conversation should help both parties gauge whether the position and environment are a good fit. "You have just as much right to say 'no' as they do if you don't feel the click. Knowing that puts you more in a balanced relationship," Harrington said. SUSAN KREIMER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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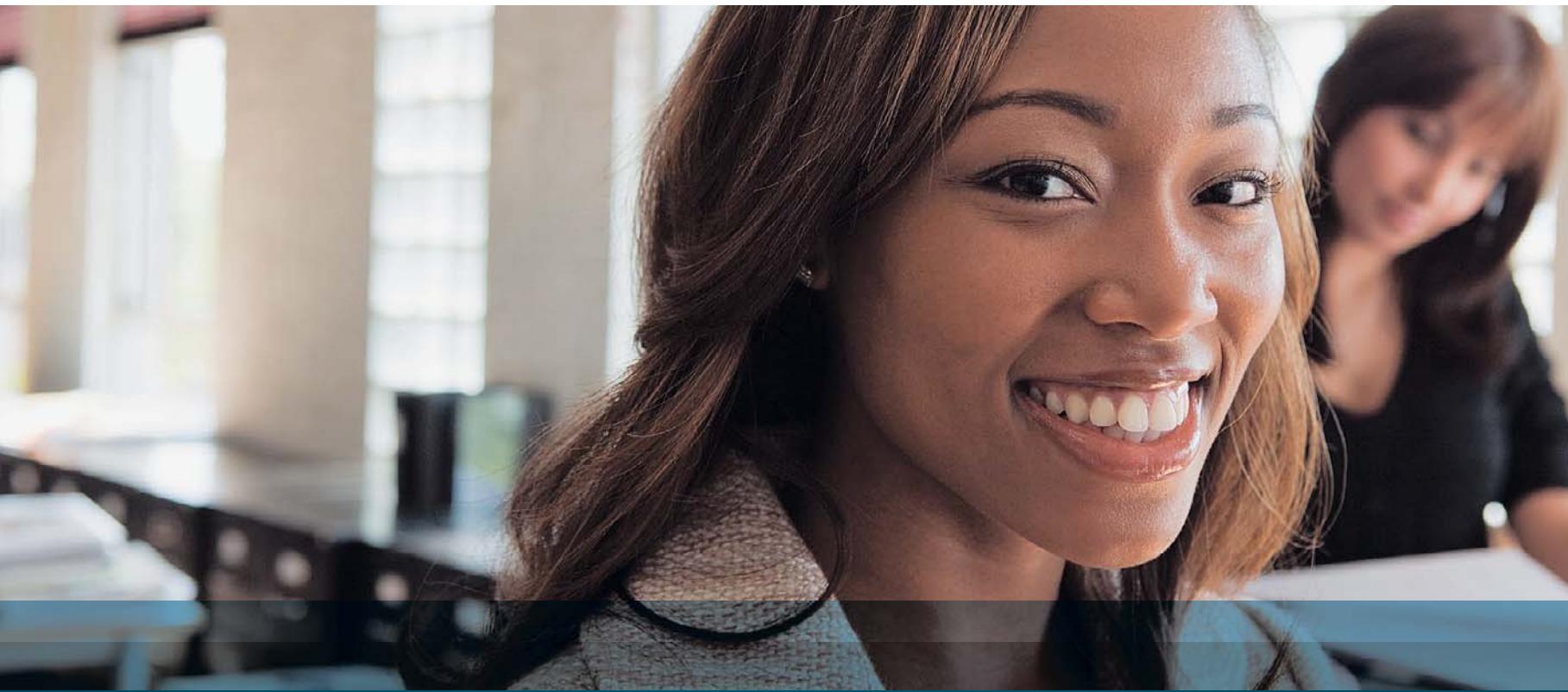
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Smart Summer Love

Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel star in a clever, quirky romantic comedy

COPPLE | “(500) Days of Summer,” opening Friday, sounds like the title of a surfing movie, but it’s actually a love story, though unconventional in setup, direction and outcome.

Tom, a would-be architect, has settled for a job at a Los Angeles greeting card company where he writes mundane sentiments for people who are too afraid or lazy to express their feelings themselves. Despite a job he abhors, Tom remains a romantic and an optimist. He sketches buildings on his lunch hour and he believes in cosmic destiny and in finding true love.

One day he spies a new girl at the office and is smitten.

Summer, as the viewer comes to find out, is a practical girl with a practical attitude about romance. She’s not looking for Mr. Right or even her so-called soul mate. She simply wants to have fun, with no strings attached, which she makes clear to Tom from the outset. Over the next year and the half, the two office mates become more than friends but never quite reach the status of boyfriend and girlfriend, despite Tom’s best efforts.

Besides the unconventional story line, the movie unfolds in an unconventional way. Told entirely from Tom’s perspective, it is non-



PUTTING IN THE TIME: Joseph Gordon-Levitt's young, romantic Tom pursues Summer (Zooey Deschanel) with gusto.

linear, jumping backward and forward to various days in the couple’s relationship so the viewer knows fairly early on about the outcome. What matters more is how they got to where they are.

“(500) Days of Summer” stars Zooey Deschanel (“Yes Man,” “Elf”) and Joseph Gordon-Levitt (“Stop-Loss,” “The Lookout”) as Summer and Tom, respectively. The two previously co-starred in the 2001 drama “Manic,” in which they played abused and emotionally troubled teens.

“I think when you make something that is entertaining and smart, people will find and appreciate it.”

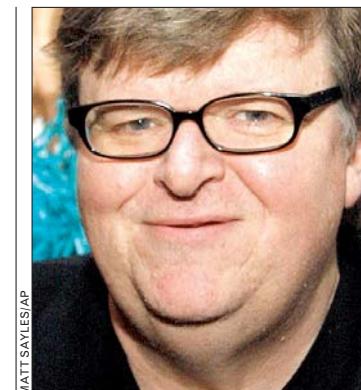
The duo liked “(500)’s” unconventional plot and unique style.

“One thing that this movie says about love is that just because something doesn’t last, it doesn’t mean it doesn’t have value,” says Deschanel. “It says you will dis-

cover things about yourself if you’re being romantic even if it doesn’t last.”

Deschanel sees the romantic comedy as a counterbalance to all the big action and special effects-laden movies it is competing with at the box office this summer.

“This is a movie that is my taste, and it’s really nice,” she says. “I think that when you make something that is entertaining and smart, people will find it and appreciate it.” ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



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Sarcasm Becomes Michael

Director Moore gives his forthcoming film on capitalism a name

TITLES | Michael Moore’s latest documentary now has a title — and a theme that resonates with recession-weary audiences.

Moore’s look at the consequences of big business will be called “Capitalism: A Love Story.” The documentary is due in theaters Oct. 2.

Distributor Overture Films said “Capitalism” examines the disastrous effects of corporate profiteering.

“It will be the perfect date movie,” Moore said. “It’s got it all — lust, passion, romance and 14,000 jobs being eliminated every day. It’s a forbidden love, one that dare not speak its name. Heck, let’s just say it: It’s capitalism.”

The filmmaker scored a \$100 million hit with 2004’s “Fahrenheit 9/11” and won an Academy Award for his 2002 gun-control documentary “Bowling for Columbine.” (AP)



BOX OFFICE **Bruno Beats Borat** A gay Austrian fashion devotee has proven he has serious box-office clout. Sacha Baron Cohen’s mockumentary “Bruno” took in \$30.4 million to lead the weekend for Hollywood. The bawdy flick outpaced the \$26.5 million opening weekend for his surprise 2006 hit “Borat,” in which he played a clueless Kazakh journalist touring America. “Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs” was No. 2 for the weekend with \$28.5 million; “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” was third. (AP)

Bastille Day Bubbly

France's revolution launched 220 years ago. Here's where to celebrate it now

A VOTRE SANTE | Tomorrow is Bastille Day — which is a great excuse to hit up some of D.C.'s French restaurants for celebratory drinks.

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DAYNA SMITH/TWP

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pagne, try Napoleon, where the upstairs bar slings half-priced champagne cocktails between 5 and 7 p.m. on weekdays. You can also get \$4 glasses of wine and \$2 off domestic beers. Tomorrow features food specials: buy-one-get-

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Honestly, our favorite French food transplant has to be crepes. We'll probably be munching on a Nutella and strawberry concoction at Crepeaway come tomorrow. FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

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→ Northeast Library, 330 Seventh St. NE; 7 p.m., \$10; Capfringe.org/workshops. (Union Station)



2 That's Musical Evolution

Sometimes rock musicians decide they're better than the bands that made them famous, and sometimes these people hook up with alpha-musicians from other bands and form supergroups, which is what happened with the Dead Weather. Jack White of the White Stripes, Allison Mossart of the Kills and a couple other heavy hitters got together to make alternative rock and take over the world. f.z.

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top stops

Compiled by Express' Fiona ZUBLIN.
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3 Holding Out for a Hero

With all these angsty superhero movies abounding — we are looking at you here, Batman — it's nice to go back to just a few years ago when a comic book flick could be all about camaraderie and explosions. For a trip down nostalgia road, check out the free screening of "X-Men" in Crystal City, part of the neighborhood's superhero movie festival. Or wait until September to see "The Dark Knight," if you must. f.z.

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MY SISTER'S KEEPER (PG-13) (1010 125 405) 705 940
I LOVE YOU BETH COOPER (PG-13) (1000 1225 250 535) 805 1035
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1105 1200 135 425) 620 725 905 1035
YEAR ONE (PG-13) (635 PM 855 PM) 1115 PM
MOON (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 215 440) 710 945
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MY SISTER'S KEEPER (PG-13) 945 PM
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PUBLIC ENEMIES (R) - ID REQ'D (140 400 440) 700 740 1000
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THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1245 230 350 530) 610 710 810 930 1030
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 230 330 500) 600 730 830 955
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HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 230 510) 750 1020
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THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1210 200 410 510) 640 750 850 1050
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Keep It Loud and Light

Wendy Williams takes her signature fluffy talk to daytime TV

OVER-THE-TOP | If you want to get to know Wendy Williams, talk show glamazon, you don't exactly have to pry. "Coy" isn't part of her repertoire.

Just consider her office at the mid-Manhattan studio where she tapes the weekday "Wendy Williams Show," which starts Monday (10 a.m., Fox, and BET weeknights at 11 p.m.). She is a high-rev reflection of her surroundings: fuchsia, leopard skin and, for good measure, a sparkling chandelier.



PETER KRAMER/AP

Williams says her new show is just for fun — nothing serious allowed.

Williams is a veteran radio DJ and talk-show host whose "Wendy Williams Experience" is heard by about 12 million nationwide. She has published several books, including a memoir.

Now, after a fling on VH1, she's taking on TV, big time. On her new show, she promises a party; guests — celebrity and otherwise (Vanessa Williams is Monday's guest); fashion and cooking segments; gossip and other "Hot Topics"; and lots of interaction with her studio audience.

"I like to entertain people," she says. "This is not a heavyweight show. I'm not here to talk political or split the atom." FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

tonight's lineup

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CENTER OF ATTENTION

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PORK FOR ALL

A murder investigation becomes a male chauvinist pig roast on **THE CLOSER** (9 p.m., TNT).

WILD NIGHTS

A rough morning after on **MAKE IT OR BREAK IT** (9 p.m., Family).

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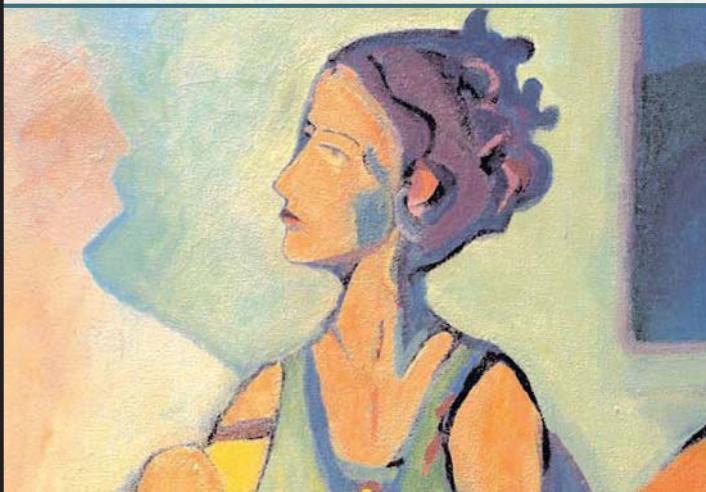
TEDDY: IN HIS OWN WORDS (9 p.m., HBO) takes a documentary look at



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Some employers have blocked access to Web sites such as Facebook and Gmail in an attempt to increase productivity but have annoyed many employees, too.

An Ironic Web Twist

Workplace blockers halt goofing off but hinder productivity

BACKFIRE | Ryan Tracy thought he'd entered the Dark Ages when he graduated from college and arrived in the working world.

His employer blocked access to Facebook, Gmail and other popular Internet sites. He had no wireless access for his laptop and often ran to a nearby cafe on work time so he could use its Wi-Fi connection to send large files.

Sure, the barriers did what his employer intended: They stopped him and his colleagues from using work time to goof around online. But Tracy says the rules also got in the way of legitimate work he needed to do as a scientific analyst for a health care services company.

"It was a constant battle between the people that saw technology as an advantage and those that saw it as a hindrance," says the 27-year-old Chicagoan, who now works for a different company.

He was sure there had to be a

better way. It's a common complaint from young people who join the work force with the expectation that their bosses will embrace technology as much as they do.

Then some discover that sites they're supposed to be researching for work are blocked. Or they can't take a little down time to read a news story online or check their personal e-mail or social networking accounts.

So, some are wondering: Could companies take a different approach — without compromising security or workplace efficiency — that allows some of the online access that younger employees, in particular, crave?

"It's no different than spending too much time around the water cooler or making too many personal phone calls. Do you take those away? No," says Gary Rudman, president of GTR Consulting, a market research firm that tracks the habits of young people.

"These two worlds will continue to collide until there's a mutual understanding that performance, not Internet usage, is what really matters." **MARTHA IRVINE (AP)**

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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Jay Briar, Alvin Figer

Jay, 33, is a history teacher. Alvin, 30, is a math teacher. They live in Bethesda.

■ **The Main Event:** On Aug. 9, Jay's friend who is a United Church of Christ minister will officiate the ceremony in Calverton, Md.; 150 guests are invited. ■ **How They Met:** At Twenties Group in Dupont, a social discussion gathering Alvin says is a bar-scene alternative. ■ **First Impressions:** Alvin says: "I thought he was cute in his orange jacket." Jay says: "I thought he was the 'cool'

guy in the group and looked like he'd be a lot of fun to hang out with."

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill.

■ **How He Proposed:** Jay took Alvin out to dinner but couldn't find the right moment to propose — there were too many people around. He proposed later that night in their hot tub.

■ **Their Song:** "Dream a Little Dream of Me" by Mama Cass.

■ **Pet Names:** "We call each other MP, short for 'my partner,'" Alvin says.

■ **When He Knew:** "When he kind of broke into my school to decorate my classroom for Valentine's Day," Jay says.

■ **Family Traditions:** They both come from Christian families, but they want to dance the Hora "so that we can finally be on the chairs instead of lifting them!"

"We want to dance the Hora so we can finally be on the chairs instead of lifting them!"



All Grown Up

Everyone has a friend or two who married his or her high-school sweetheart. But **SAM NEWTON** and **EBONY POWELL** were *sixth-grade* sweethearts. After she met him through a mutual friend, "we concluded that we had a crush on one another and decided to be boyfriend and girlfriend," she says. "I knew she was going to be my girl!" Sam says. But two and a half years later, the couple were parted by evil forces: Her family moved away. They rarely saw each other in the years after, but in 2001, he called her. "He looked very nice and all grown up," Ebony says. When he saw her that day, he knew, again, that they were meant to be together.

Sam, 28, is a driver for MetroAccess. Ebony, 28, is a teacher registry representative. They live in Capitol Heights and will wed July 18 in Kinston, N.C.



Adrian Ferguson, Tamara Pernell

Adrian, 25, is a government contractor. Tamara, 29, works for the D.C. government. They live in Alexandria.

■ **The Main Event:** Tamara's step-father, a Baptist pastor, will preside over the semiformal ceremony on Aug. 15 in Indianapolis.

■ **Honeymoon:** The Dominican Republic. ■ **How They Met:** At a networking

event for young professionals. She thought he was staring at her; he thought she was staring at him "like she was nearsighted or crazy." When he introduced himself formally ("Hello, my name is Adrian Ferguson"), she replied with a, "What up? I'm Tammy," and a fist bump. "A little weird, but I was open-minded," he says.

■ **First Impressions:** "Who is the guy that keeps staring at me? He actually isn't too bad-looking."

■ **First Date:** Ben's Chili Bowl on Valentine's Day.

■ **How He Proposed:** The power went

out on Duke Street where they were both living in separate apartments. Tamara didn't want to stay by herself, so she went to Adrian's place, which was lit by just a battery-operated lamp. He asked her to pray with him, then got down on one knee. She said, "Are you serious?!" before saying yes.

■ **Making It Unique:** They're hiring an ice cream truck for their reception.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "The reception site is foreclosed!" Tamara says.

■ **With Unlimited Funds:** They'd hire MC Lyte, Slick Rick and LL Cool J.



Stephen Matta, Lisa Virgona

Stephen, 25, is a software engineer. Lisa, 25, is an architect. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A Catholic wedding in Lisa's hometown of Tenafly, N.J., and a black-tie-optional reception with 135 guests on July 18.

■ **Honeymoon:** St. Maarten, then Disney World, then one week back at work, then a friend's wedding and then Disneyland. "We're super-excited about Disney," Lisa says. "My wallet hurts," Stephen says.

■ **How They Met:** At freshman orientation at Catholic University. They made the trip to the Pentagon City mall together to buy speakers for his computer.

"I'm sure I'll forget to wear some important part of my tux, like the pants."

Instead, they ended up on the Mall, talking by the Reflecting Pool. "We ended up finally buying speakers ... months later."

■ **First Impressions:** "Lisa was the first person I've felt so comfortable with."

■ **First Date:** Uno Chicago Grill at Union Station. "I told him if he paid, that would mean we were officially dating."

■ **How He Proposed:** In front of the East Wing of the National Gallery of Art. They'd hit up a Nats game, so she was wearing her jersey. "How romantic," Lisa says.

■ **Pet Names:** "Sometimes I call him 'Chunks' because he's so skinny."

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Stephen says he's sure he'll forget an important part of his tux, "like the pants."



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Poll Center

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WOULD YOU GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE SWINE FLU?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

YES 57%

NO 43%

More people die from the regular flu every year than have even gotten sick with the swine flu. No way they are injecting me with some medicine because of an artificially induced panic over a disease that, so far, isn't that big a deal."

COMMENTER MOMTURTLE

"I haven't had a flu shot for a few years, but I will be going for this one if it's available to me. People are dying of H1N1 today all over the world, and the rate of infection is not dropping."

COMMENTER FEDWEB, WHO ADDED, "NATURAL IMMUNITY WON'T HELP YOU HOLDOUTS WITH THIS ONE — IT'S A NEW STRAIN."

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"IT'S ONE THING to be a racist on your employer's dime ... but what about people who get canned for being jerks on their own time. Should that matter?"

ASYLUM.COM QUESTIONS THE ETHICS OF FIRING PEOPLE FOR SOCIALLY REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR UNRELATED TO WORK.



"Leon Panetta was sworn in as director of the CIA on Feb. 20. Why did it take four months for subordinates to inform the CIA director of an ongoing program?"

MYDD.COM ASKS A QUESTION ABOUT FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY'S ROLE IN CONCEALING A SECRET COUNTERTERRORISM PROGRAM FROM CONGRESS. PANETTA SAYS HE ENDED THE PROGRAM ON JUNE 23 WHEN HE WAS INFORMED OF IT.



UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP



"I HAVE NO INTENTION of trying to look 25 when I'm 65. And yet I still slather my face in anti-aging cream at night, as a 'preventative' measure."

JEZEBEL.COM DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY WOMEN GET CAUGHT UP IN THE "YOUTH IN A BOTTLE" PHENOMENON.

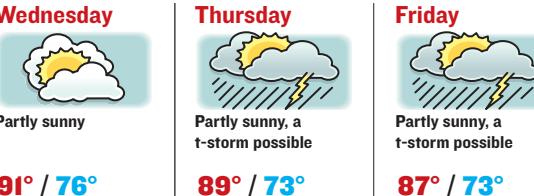
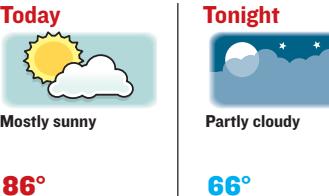
↑ "Cohen is working the Howard Stern formula to perfection. Unfortunately, these jerks grease the skids in our cultural slide to depravity."

A DEADLINEHOLLYWOODDAILY.COM COMMENTER HAS RESPECT FOR SACHA BARON COHEN'S ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN VIA SHOCK VALUE IN "BRUNO" BUT DOESN'T NECESSARILY THINK IT'S GOOD.

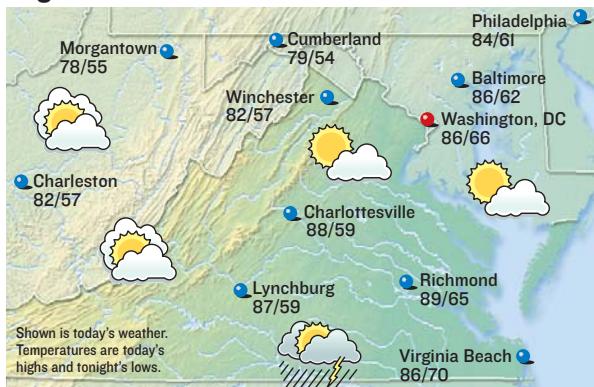
"IT'S REFRESHING to hear an announcer tell the truth on-air, but if I were Rob Dibble, I'd watch my back. People who bash their employer like that usually don't last too long."

AWFULANNOUNCING.COM WAS GLAD TO SEE THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS ANALYST TELL MASN VIEWERS LAST WEEK EXACTLY WHY HE THOUGHT THE TEAM WAS AWFUL.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	89°
Low	71°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	0.13"
Normal month to date	1.39"
Year to date	23.26"
Last year to date	28.86"
Normal year to date	20.55"

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Regional Forecast

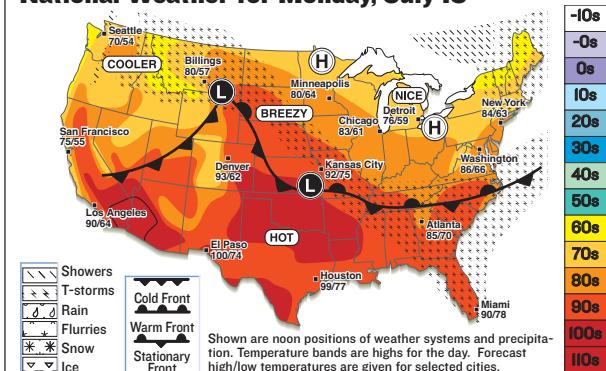
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 86. Wind west-northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 66. Wind south-southeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:34 p.m.
Moonset today	11:50 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, July 13



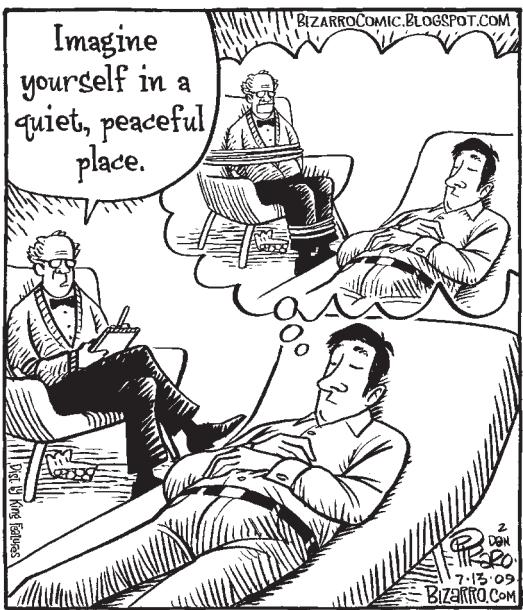
National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/70/t	89/73/t	Amsterdam	73/57/s	74/60/s
Boston	79/60/s	80/61/s	Athens	86/70/s	90/73/s
Chicago	83/61/pc	78/67/t	Berlin	73/59/pc	79/67/c
Dallas	102/79/s	100/78/s	Buenos Aires	57/36/pc	54/37/s
Denver	93/62/pc	91/54/pc	Calgary	67/52/t	55/46/pc
Honolulu	88/75/pc	90/76/pc	Dublin	64/52/r	63/52/r
Los Angeles	90/64/s	84/64/s	Geneva	85/60/s	84/64/t
Miami	90/78/pc	91/78/t	Moscow	84/64/pc	70/55/t
New York City	84/63/s	85/66/s	Rome	86/68/s	88/65/s
Orlando	93/73/t	93/74/t	Sydney	64/48/pc	63/48/s
Seattle	70/54/pc	76/54/pc	Tokyo	88/73/c	88/75/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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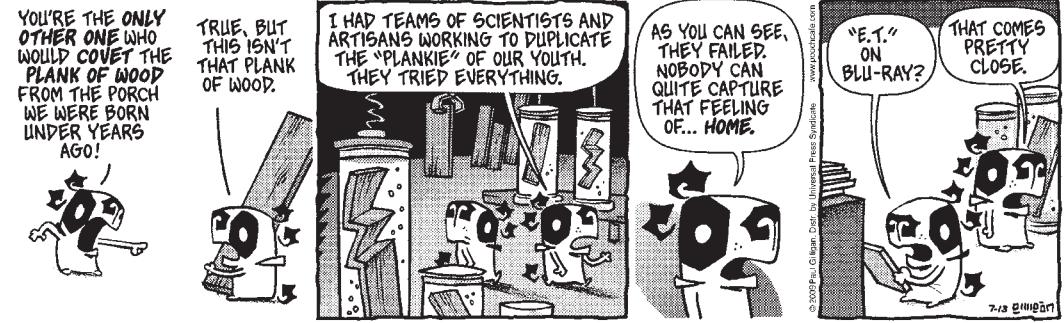
Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't try to overextend yourself — physically, emotionally or financially. Personal resources must be guarded well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is no time to take chances where feelings are concerned. Indeed, the role you may want to play is that of protector.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're in the mood for something new and, perhaps, a little unusual. Not everyone will understand why you want to explore the unexplored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can find bargains everywhere, provided you're willing to look — and know, to begin with, what you really want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Tend to your own business, and others are likely to tend to their own — until after dark, when someone you know gets a little nosy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone close to you is likely to put it all on the line, making his or her feelings very plain and asking you to do the same.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An authority figure, perhaps a parent, may have trouble understanding the dream you've been pursuing. Perhaps you should try for more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you can devise a way of being in two places at once, you should have your problems solved. In reality, how likely is that?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may stumble on the solution to a stubborn mystery quite by accident. As a result, you may find yourself pursuing a new goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A mix-up of sorts has you working at cross-purposes with someone who is usually after the same things you are after. Untangle this tricky knot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be involved in something that puts another in danger. As soon as you discover the truth, you'll know what to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be asking for something that a certain someone is not able to give — yet. Perhaps a little patience will win you what you want.

Today in History

1787 Congress enacts an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

1863 Deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupts in New York City.

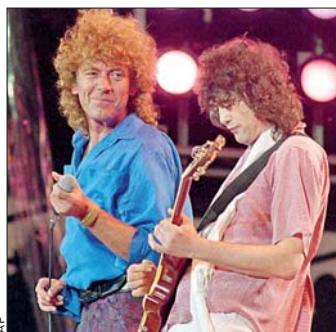
1977 A blackout lasting 25 hours hits the New York City area.

1978 Lee Iacocca is fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

1985 Live Aid, an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, takes place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

1999 Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrenders in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

2004 The American League cruises past



Led Zeppelin band mates Robert Plant and Jimmy Page perform at Live Aid.

the National League 9-4 in the All-Star game at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Correction:

A story on Page 6 of Friday's Express stated Deering Oaks Park is in Portland, Ore. It's in Portland, Maine.

lookout people



Jason Priestley at an audition for "Wolverine." No, he didn't get the part.

UNKNOWN

Baby's Name Remains A Secret Even to Parents

It's a boy for **JASON PRIESTLEY** and his wife, Naomi. The actor's representative says the Priestleys welcomed a healthy baby boy in Los Angeles on Thursday. The couple refused to offer further details. This is the second child for the pair, who have a 2-year-old daughter. (AP)

SOBRIETY

DUIs Are the Must-Have Accessory for Summer

Comedian and radio personality **ARTIE LANGE** has been charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and careless driving after a minor traffic accident in New Jersey Friday. Police say no one was injured. (AP)

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KIDS HAVING GRANDKIDS

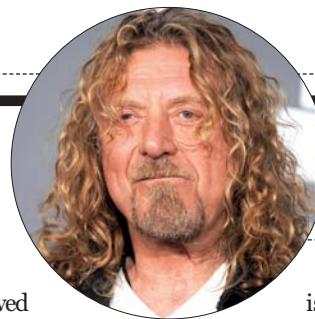
Jim Carrey's Fans Feel Old

JIM CARREY is going to be a grandfather. Carrey's spokeswoman says his 21-year-old daughter, Jane Carrey, is expecting her first child. The father is her fiance, rock musician Alex Santana. In a statement, Jim Carrey says he's "very excited" and "Jane is going to be a great mom." Jane is the 47-year-old actor's daughter with his first wife, Melissa. (AP)

REFRESHING

Singer Embraces Senior Moments

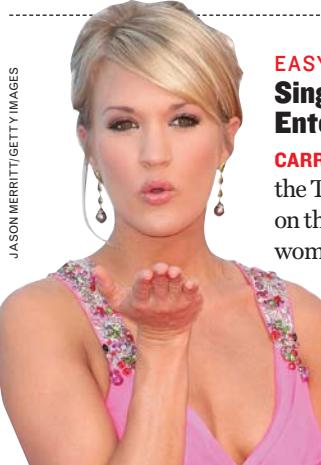
ROBERT PLANT received a royal honor from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace on Friday, putting the former Led Zeppelin front man one notch above his old band mate Jimmy Page. Plant joked he and Page would not be fighting over rank, even though Plant's new commander



Unfortunately, he also forgets what a hairbrush is.

of the British Empire is a higher honor than Page's order of the British Empire. "If we can remember each other's phone number at this time in life, it's a miracle," he joked. Also receiving the CBE on Friday was English actress Liz Smith, 87, who appeared on the British TV series "The Royle Family." (AP)

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES



EASY

Singer to Impress Woefully Entertainment-Starved Audience

CARRIE UNDERWOOD will headline a Salute to the Troops Concert Aug. 14 at Fort Campbell, on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. A spokeswoman for Underwood says the show is one of only a few live performances she is doing this summer as she works on a new album. The performance kicks off the Week of the Eagles, a celebration honoring the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division. (AP)



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

'Scream' Actor Now Too Old For Fans to Recognize Him

DAVID ARQUETTE is going to live in a box in New York City to raise money for the hungry. The 37-year-old actor plans to stay in a Plexiglas box above the Madison Square Garden marquee on Tuesday and Wednesday to raise \$250,000 for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity. He'll stay in the box each day for about eight hours. (AP)

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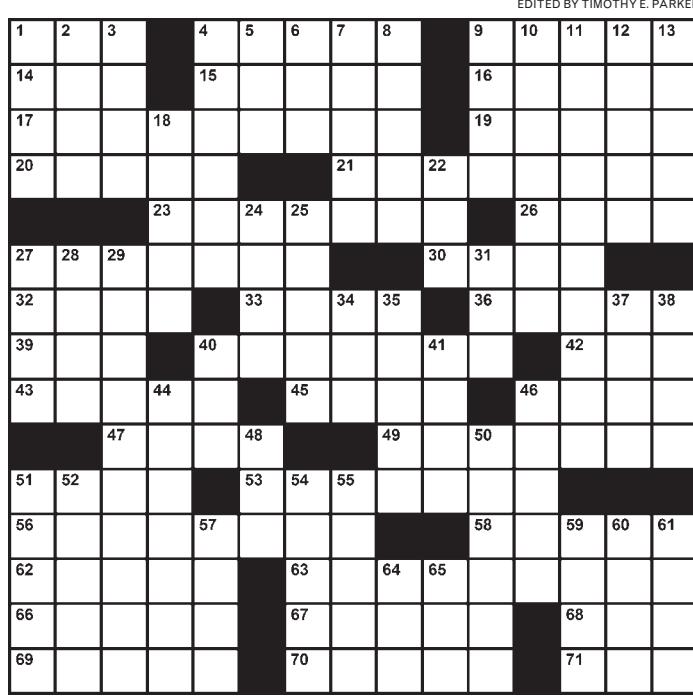
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ACROSS

1 Hallucinogenic initials
 4 Like yesterday's news
 9 Code words for "A"
 14 "And what have we here?"
 15 Alarming felony?
 16 Repeat the question
 17 What many musicians can do
 18 Words with "house" or "move"
 20 Asparagus unit
 21 Traveling troupe's gig
 23 Supporting fans
 26 Yankees' crosstown rivals
 27 Desdemona's killer
 30 A fruit to poach
 32 "Beg pardon"
 33 Cheese in a red coat
 36 Bit of tomfoolery
 39 "___ with Mussolini" (1999 film)
 40 Least nerdy
 42 Words said while holding hands
 43 Many-headed monster
 45 Agile despite age
 46 Period of prayer?
 47 Subway fare?
 49 Entry
 51 Artistic work
 53 Freight bearer
 56 Bach choral creations
 58 Far from snug
 62 Academic aide
 63 Prepare for the ring

DOWN

1 Bottom-line bummer
 2 Place for hands
 3 Former Venetian bigwig
 4 Stay on the beat?
 5 Airport info next to dep.
 6 Amsterdam-to-Rome direction
 7 "sugar is sweet and ___ you"
 8 Ewok's planet
 9 All-star third baseman, familiarly
 10 Photographer
 11 New Year's Eve figure
 12 ___ in the arm (encouragement)
 13 Depicts with bias
 18 "The Thousand and One Nights" group
 22 Warbucks
 24 Bar with no alcohol
 25 Tempests in teapots
 27 This answer is a four-letter word
 28 "So ___ say" ("That's what I hear")
 29 Scalper's kin
 31 "Please Don't ___

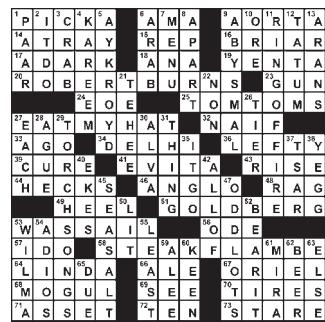


the Daisies"

34 Bernese or Dolomite feature
 35 Type of system or badge
 37 "Beware the ___ of March"
 38 Alcatraz population, once
 40 Popular rental
 41 Fit the sound to the action, e.g.
 44 Bring up to snuff
 46 Archer's missile
 48 Poet's adverb

50 In large supply
 51 Group of eight
 52 Singer Abdul or Cole
 54 Cowboy's rope
 55 "___, dust to dust"
 57 "Fine" follower
 59 Passing sentences?
 60 Bar supply
 61 Course concluder
 64 "Baptist" intro
 65 Tail tirelessly

Friday's Solution



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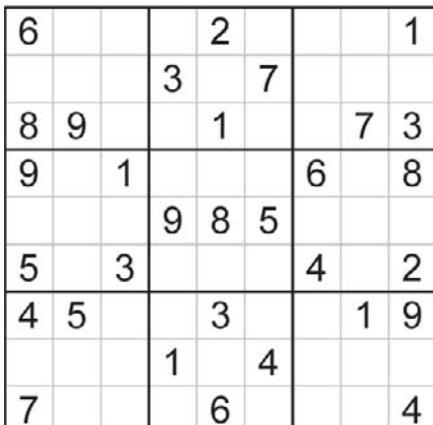
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